

If you major in English at Berry College, you will be engaged in reading, analyzing, writing about and discussing a wide range of texts written in English or available in English translation. You'll complete a 21-credit core curriculum and one of three 18-hour concentrations.

### **Core curriculum**

The English core curriculum will introduce you to British, American and world literary traditions. You'll have the opportunity to explore the ethical, aesthetic, intellectual and cultural issues addressed in many different types of literature from a variety of historical periods. You'll also learn methods of literary research and analysis.

### **Literature concentration**

The beauty and power of thought and expression, the play of word upon word and the memorable expressions of many cultures in verse and prose are at the heart of the literature concentration.

If you select this option, you'll gain a thorough background in English and American literature in a series of upper-division courses. Seminars will enable you to focus on specific authors, genres or themes. You'll also develop your powers of critical reading and analytical writing.

Many students completing the literature concentration go on to pursue graduate studies.

### **Writing concentration**

This concentration emphasizes the symbiotic relationship between reading and writing, between creation and appreciation. You can select courses in introductory and advanced poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction as well as in expository writing and playwriting. Tutorials in any genre are available for advanced undergraduate writers.

Berry's beautiful 28,000-acre campus offers valuable opportunities for solitude and retreat. At the same time, its small community of highly dedicated student and faculty writers provides many occasions to share and discuss your creative work, both in and beyond the classroom.

### **Secondary education concentration**

This is the concentration you are looking for if you want to teach English in grades 7-12. By combining an English major with a secondary education minor, you will graduate ready to become a certified teacher. You will have a special endorsement in teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), a strong background in English studies and excellent teacher preparation.

This concentration includes courses in linguistics, Shakespeare, adolescent literature and writing, as well as electives in literature or language. If you select this concentration, you will begin taking courses for your edu-

cation minor in either your freshman or sophomore year.

### **Visiting writers**

Each year, writers of national and international reputation come to campus for readings and to meet with writing students. Recent visiting writers have included Billy Collins, Kim Addonizio, Dave Smith, Allison Joseph and Charles Wright.

### **Careers for English majors**

Traditional careers for English majors include teaching, writing and editing. But because graduates skilled in research, analysis, critical thinking and writing have a competitive edge in today's job market, opportunities for English majors are diverse. You might pursue a career in law, advertising, publishing, public relations, teaching, technical or creative writing, public or academic administration, library science, business management, insurance, banking, corporate communications, counseling or speech therapy.

### **Graduate school**

Recent Berry English alumni have been accepted to such graduate schools as the University of Chicago, University of Miami, New York University, University of Oxford, Hollis College, Vanderbilt University, University of Virginia and The University of Georgia.

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**Southern Women Writers  
Conference**

The English department sponsors the biennial Southern Women Writers Conference, which is attended by more than 300 and recognizes the contributions of Southern women to American literature. Through scholarly presentations, panel discussions, and readings and lectures by contemporary authors, this conference provides a forum for examining the unique perspectives and concerns of southern women writers of the past and present. It includes a competition for new writers of fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction with a \$500 first-place prize for the winner of each category. The winners give a public reading of their entries at the conference.

**More information**

More information about the English department and major is available online at [www.berry.edu/academics/humanities/english](http://www.berry.edu/academics/humanities/english).